

## **Ali Mehdi Jawad Al-Dabbagh, Ph.D.**

Dr. Ali Al-Dabbagh was appointed official spokesman for the Government of Iraq at the beginning of Prime Minister Al-Maliki's tenure in 2006. Prior to his role as Government Spokesman, Dr. Al-Dabbagh was elected to the Iraqi National Assembly as a member of Abdul Aziz Al-Hakim's United Iraqi Alliance, during which he served on the Foreign Relations and Constitution Committees. Before entering the world of politics, he spent 28 years managing a variety of private corporations in the United Arab Emirates, Canada, Japan, the European Union and Malaysia.

During his time in the private sector, Dr. Al-Dabbagh established relationships with prominent politicians, writers, and academics from around the world. Having spoken and written extensively on the suffering that Iraqis endured during the Saddam years, Dr. Al-Dabbagh has taken a lead role in promoting a multicultural dialogue on human rights and the plight of Iraqi refugees.

### **Education**

2003, Ph.D. in Business Administration – Hampshire University (UK)

1983, M.S. Engineering, Environmental Pollution (US)

1977, B.S. Civil Engineering – Baghdad University

### **Languages**

Arabic, English, French, Persian, Indian (Urdu)